9. National Mental Health Programme

This is also a Central scheme to revitalise the Mental Health Programme for upgradation of living conditions in the Mental Hospitals and development of community based Mental Health Programme. Action have been initiated to strengthen some important Mental Hospitals/Institutions in the country like NIMHANS, Bangalore, Mental Hospital Shahdara, Delhi, Mental Hospital at Ranchi and Tazpur etc.

[Translation]

By-Pass on N.H. 24

3916. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any suggestions/proposals for construction of a by-pass on National Highway-24 linking Bareilly city;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c). The proposal for a by-pass at Bareilly on N.H. 24 is still at the stage of survey and investigation and it is too early to indicate any time frame for a final decision in the matter.

[English]

Fire in Central Drawing Office

3917. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fire broken out in a Central Drawing Office of the Khamaria ordnance factory, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any Board of Enquiry was constituted in the matter;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry and action taken on the defaulters; and

(d) the total losses incurred by the Government due to fire accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) As per the findings of the Board of Enquiry, the fire was accidental which occurred due to short circuit of the electrical wiring in the Central Drawing Office of Ordnance Factory Khamaria. The Board has also concluded that the cause of the fire cannot be attributed to negligence on the part of any individual. However, action on implementation of the two remedial measures suggested by the Board of Enquiry has been taken up.

(d) Rs. 12,000/- approx.

Air Force Station for Fighter Aircrafts in Bihar

3918. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any major Air Force Station for aircrafts of Fighter and Transport Squadrons in the State of Bihar;

(b) if not, the reasons and justification thereof;

(c) whether the Government have plans to develop Purnea, Mirganj and Bihta Air Fields as active base stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) There are no major Air Force Stations for fighter and transport aircraft in the State of Bihar.

(b) Purnea and Bihta airfields have runways that can support fighter and transport operations. Both airfields are nominated as diversions for nearby operational airfields.

(c) and d). There are no plants at present to develop any of these airfields beyond their capabilities. A unit of trainer aircraft is being set up at Bihta.

Unutilised water of Pampa and Idukki Rivers

3919. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plenty of unutilised waters of Pampa and Idukki Rivers of Kerala is flowing into Arabian Sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to divert this unutilised water towards South Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal;

(e) whether the Union Government have taken any steps to implement this proposal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (f). The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) of the Government of India has identified 17 Water Transfer links under the Peninsular component. Some of these links envisages transfer of West flowing rivers towards east to meet the water requirements of drought affected areas etc.

There are no Pampa & Idukki rivers in Kerala. However, NWDA has prepared a feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipper link which envisages dams on Pamba Kar Ar, Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil for diversion of water to irrigate land in drought prone districts of Tirunelveli, Kattabomman, Chidambaranar and Kamaraj districts of Tamil Nadu and generation of peaking power of 500 MW and regulated releases during lean period in Vembanand lake.

Implementation of the proposal will depend upon concurrence of the concerned State Governments and various other factors.

Percentage growth of people receiving higher Education

3920. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of growth in the number of people receiving higher education in the last five years;

(b) the percentage of graduates in the country; and

(c) the measures, the Government are taking to enhance access of new entrants to higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the percentage of growth of total enrolment in higher education during the last 5 years is as under:

1990-91	7.0%
1991-92	6.9%
1992-93	5.1%
1993-94	5.1%
1994-95	5.1%

(b) In 1994-95, 88% of the total enrolment of students in the higher education system was at the under-graduate level.

(c) According to UGC, at present, there is no problem regarding absorption of entrants in the higher education system.

Expenditure on National Highways

3921. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred on reconstruction and recarpeting of National Highways in each State during the period 1.4.95 and 30.6.96; and

(b) the extent to which the expenditure is likely to be incurred for the said purpose particularly in respect of West Bengal and other North Eastern States till 31.3.97 and in 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) A *Statement* is annexed.

(b) Demands for Grants are yet to be finalised. Therefore, it is difficult to give the details.

STATEMENT

Expenditure on National Highways

(Rs. in lakhs)

No.	State/UTs	1995-96 Allotment	1996-97 (up to July) Allotment
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4010.00	536.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	1650.00	425.00
4.	Bihar	1750.00	400.00
5.	Chandigarh	25.00	6.00
6.	Delhi	400.00	100.00